

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending.

Claims 5-8, 16, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 2, 5-8, 13, and 16-19 have been cancelled from the case, and claims 3 and 14 have been amended to overcome this rejection. Applicant respectfully requests this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 12 now includes limitations including a database, and the operations of adding and indexing content in the database. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments recite proper statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel in view of Taylor.

Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to recite that the user is utilizing a web browser to perform the interactions with the online database over a public network as claimed. As can be seen from FIGS. 2D-2T, the user interacts with the online database through a conventional web browser, and no additional software is needed. In particular, the claims as presently amended include a limitation that the user may index their content into a category defined by the user. Additionally, dependent claims 3 and 14 have been amended to clarify that the content may include non-textual content such as graphic.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Ferrel nor Taylor, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the limitations of the claims as present amended. For example, it

appears that Ferrel requires software other than a browser to function. At Col. 12, lines 55 et. Seq. that indicates that an “MPS viewer” is required to view content. More modules are disclosed at Columns 17-18. It is respectfully submitted that Ferrel does not disclose interacting with an on-line database as now claimed.

While Taylor discloses limited interaction with an online database, no provision is provided for indexing content into a category defined by the user. Rather, the user is presented with pre-defined options. *See, e.g.*, Col. 3, lines 7 et. seq. Moreover, Taylor discloses no provision for including graphic images in an entry.

The present invention as claimed does not require any such software be installed on either the server or clients machines as required by Ferrel, as the HTML-front ending tools of the present invention allow a user to interact directly with an online database through any machine running a standard web browser. FIGS 1A and 1B show how the HTML-front-ending tools receive page requests and return results in a page description language such as HTML. Moreover, the present invention as claimed provides for a more robust and richer interaction than that provided by Taylor, as content such graphics may indexed in a category defined by the user. Applicants thus believe that the process as claimed is therefore a significant advance over the state of the art in 1995, and request reconsideration for this reason.

It is respectfully submitted that the cited art of record does not teach or suggest allowing a user to interact with an online database as claimed. It is respectfully requested that the pending case be reconsidered in light of these Remarks and Amendments and moved to allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application or this response, the Examiner is personally invited to telephone the undersigned at 775-848-5624.

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